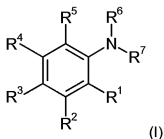


**Amendments to the Claims:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

What is claimed is:

1. (Currently amended) A compound of formula (I):



or a salt thereof, wherein

R<sup>1</sup> is H, cyano, halogen, trifluoromethyl, or trifluoroethyl;

R<sup>2</sup> is H, cyano, halogen, trifluoromethyl, or trifluoroethyl;

R<sup>3</sup> is cyano, nitro, halogen, -C(O)R<sup>6</sup>;

R<sup>4</sup> is H, cyano, halogen, trifluoromethyl, or trifluoroethyl;

R<sup>5</sup> is H, cyano, halogen, trifluoromethyl, or trifluoroethyl;

where at least one of R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>4</sup>, and R<sup>5</sup> is not H;

each of R<sup>6</sup> and R<sup>7</sup> independently are -(R<sup>a</sup>)<sub>x</sub>-R<sup>9</sup>;

R<sup>a</sup> is a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> alkylene chain optionally substituted with one or more of C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub> alkyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>3</sub> alkenyl, or hydroxyl, where x is 0 or 1;

each R<sup>8</sup> independently is H or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl;

R<sup>9</sup> is ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, isobutyl, n-butyl, tert-butyl, isopentyl, n-pentyl, trifluoromethyl, trifluoroethyl, hydroxymethylene, hydroxyethylene, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkenyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkynyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkylthio, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> haloalkoxy, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> cycloalkyl, formyl, azido, or -NR<sup>10</sup>R<sup>11</sup>;

R<sup>10</sup> and R<sup>11</sup> each independently are H, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, -C(O)H, -C(O)R<sup>12</sup>, -C(O)OR<sup>12</sup>, or -SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>12</sup>; and R<sup>12</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl[[.]]

and wherein at least one substituent selected from R<sup>8</sup>, R<sup>10</sup>, R<sup>11</sup>, and R<sup>12</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub> alkyl.

2. (Original) The compound of claim 1 wherein R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>5</sup>, or both are H.

3. (Original) The compound of claim 1 wherein R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>4</sup>, or both are H.

4 – 6. (Cancelled)

7. (Previously Presented) The compound of claim 1 wherein R<sup>9</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub> alkoxy.

8 – 10. (Cancelled)

11. (Previously Presented) The compound of claim 1 wherein R<sup>9</sup> is isopropenyl, isobutenyl, or allyl.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Previously Presented) The compound of claim 1 wherein R<sup>9</sup> is propynyl.

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Previously Presented) The compound of claim 1 wherein R<sup>9</sup> is cyclopropyl, cyclopentyl, or cyclohexyl.

16. (Previously Presented) The compound of claim 1 wherein R<sup>1</sup> or R<sup>5</sup> is trifluoromethyl, trifluoroethyl C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> haloalkyl, or halogen.

17. (Previously Presented) The compound of claim 1 wherein R<sup>2</sup> or R<sup>4</sup> is cyano, trifluoromethyl, trifluoroethyl, halogen, or hydroxy.

18. (Original) The compound of claim 1 wherein R<sup>3</sup> is cyano, nitro, or halogen.

19. (Previously Presented) The compound of claim 18 wherein one or more of R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>4</sup>, or R<sup>5</sup> is trifluoromethyl or trifluoroethyl.

20. (Previously Presented) The compound of claim 19 wherein R<sup>2</sup> or R<sup>4</sup> is trifluoromethyl, or fluoroethyl.

21. (Original) The compound of claim 18 wherein one or more of R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>4</sup>, or R<sup>5</sup> is halogen.

22. (Original) The compound of claim 21 wherein  $R^2$  or  $R^4$  is halogen.
23. (Original) The compound of claim 22 wherein halogen is chloro.
24. (Original) The compound of claim 18 wherein when  $R^3$  is cyano, one or more of  $R^1$ ,  $R^2$ ,  $R^4$ , or  $R^5$  is nitro.
25. (Original) The compound of claim 18 wherein when  $R^3$  is nitro, one or more of  $R^1$ ,  $R^2$ ,  $R^4$ , or  $R^5$  is cyano.
26. (Original) The compound of claim 18 wherein  $R^3$  is cyano and one of  $R^2$  or  $R^4$  is cyano.
27. (Cancelled)
28. (Original) The compound of claim 27 wherein  $R^a$  is methylene.
29. (Previously Presented) A compound selected from:
- 4-[(Cyclopropylmethyl)(propyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
  - 4-[(cyclopropylmethyl)(propyl)amino]-2-nitrobenzonitrile
  - 4-(diallylamino)-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
  - 5-[allyl(cyclopentyl)amino]-2-nitrobenzonitrile
  - 4-[butyl(propyl)amino]-2-nitrobenzonitrile
  - 4-[ethyl(2-methyl-2-propenyl)amino]-2-nitrobenzonitrile
  - 4-[butyl(ethyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
  - 4-(dipropylamino)-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
  - N-butyl-N-ethyl-3-methyl-4-nitroaniline
  - 5-(diallylamino)-2-nitrobenzonitrile
  - 5-[(cyclopropylmethyl)(propyl)amino]-2-nitrobenzonitrile
  - 4-(diallylamino)-2-nitrobenzonitrile
  - 3-methyl-4-nitro-N,N-dipropylaniline
  - 4-[sec-butyl(propyl)amino]-2-nitrobenzonitrile
  - 5-[butyl(ethyl)amino]-2-nitrobenzonitrile

2-chloro-4-[(cyclopropylmethyl)(propyl)amino]benzonitrile  
5-[butyl(propyl)amino]-2-nitrobenzonitrile  
5-[(2-methoxyethyl)(methyl)amino]-2-nitrobenzonitrile  
2-chloro-4-(diallylamino)benzonitrile  
4-[(2-methoxyethyl)(propyl)amino]-2-nitrobenzonitrile  
4-[allyl(cyclopentyl)amino]-2-nitrobenzonitrile  
4-[ethyl(2-methyl-2-propenyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile  
2-chloro-4-[[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl](methyl)amino]benzonitrile  
N-(2-methoxyethyl)-N,2-dimethyl-4-nitroaniline  
N-allyl-N-cyclopentyl-4-nitro-3-(trifluoromethyl)aniline  
5-(dipropylamino)-2-nitrophenol  
2-chloro-4-(dipropylamino)benzonitrile  
5-[ethyl(2-methyl-2-propenyl)amino]-2-nitrobenzonitrile  
N,N-diallyl-4-nitro-3-(trifluoromethyl)aniline  
N,N-diallyl-2-methyl-4-nitroaniline  
5-[(cyclopropylmethyl)(propyl)amino]-2-nitrophenol  
N-(2-methoxyethyl)-3-methyl-4-nitro-N-propylaniline  
4-[butyl(propyl)amino]-2-chlorobenzonitrile  
N-butyl-2-chloro-N-methyl-4-nitroaniline  
4-(dipropylamino)-2-nitrobenzonitrile  
2-chloro-4-[(2-methoxyethyl)(propyl)amino]benzonitrile  
N,N-diallyl-3-methyl-4-nitroaniline  
N-(sec-butyl)-4-nitro-N-propyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)aniline  
4-(dipentylamino)-2-nitrobenzonitrile  
N-(cyclopropylmethyl)-3-methyl-4-nitro-N-propylaniline  
5-(dipropylamino)-2-nitrobenzonitrile  
N,N-dibutyl-4-nitro-3-(trifluoromethyl)aniline  
N1-(2-chloro-4-nitrophenyl)-N1,N2,N2-trimethyl-1,2-ethanediamine  
5-[sec-butyl(propyl)amino]-2-nitrobenzonitrile  
N-ethyl-N-(2-methyl-2-propenyl)-4-nitro-3-(trifluoromethyl)aniline  
N-(2-methoxyethyl)-4-nitro-N-propyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)aniline  
4-[butyl(ethyl)amino]-2-chlorobenzonitrile  
5-(dibutylamino)-2-nitrobenzonitrile  
4-[butyl(ethyl)amino]-2-nitrobenzonitrile

4-[(2-methoxyethyl)(propyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile  
5-[(2-methoxyethyl)(propyl)amino]-2-nitrobenzonitrile  
4-[allyl(cyclopentyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile  
4-[butyl(propyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile  
N,N-dibutyl-3-methyl-4-nitroaniline  
4-[methyl(octyl)amino]-2-nitrobenzonitrile  
4-(dibutylamino)-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile  
N-(cyclopropylmethyl)-4-nitro-N-propyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)aniline  
N-allyl-N-cyclohexyl-4-nitro-3-(trifluoromethyl)aniline  
4-[(2-methoxyethyl)(methyl)amino]-3-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile  
4-(diallylamino)-3-nitrobenzonitrile  
N-1-(2-chloro-4-nitrophenyl)-N1,N3,N3-trimethyl-1,3-propanediamine  
N,N-bis(2-methoxyethyl)-4-nitro-3-(trifluoromethyl)aniline  
4-[sec-butyl(propyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile  
2-chloro-4-[ethyl(2-methyl-2-propenyl)amino]benzonitrile  
N-cyclohexyl-N-ethyl-4-nitro-3-(trifluoromethyl)aniline  
2-chloro-4-(dibutylamino)benzonitrile  
4-[cyclohexyl(ethyl)amino]-2-nitrobenzonitrile  
4-[bis(2-ethoxyethyl)amino]-3-chlorobenzonitrile  
2-chloro-N-(2-methoxyethyl)-N-methyl-4-nitroaniline  
N-butyl-N-ethyl-4-nitro-3-(trifluoromethyl)aniline  
N-(sec-butyl)-3-methyl-4-nitro-N-propylaniline  
N-(2-methoxyethyl)-N-methyl-4-nitro-2-(trifluoromethyl)aniline  
4-[bis[3-(dimethylamino)propyl]amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile  
N-(cyclopropylmethyl)-4-nitro-N-propyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)aniline  
4-[(methyl)(octyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile  
4-(propylamino)-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile  
4-nitro-N-propyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)aniline  
3-[[4-nitro-3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]amino]propan-1-ol  
4-[[3-hydroxypropyl]amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile  
4-[[2-hydroxy-1-(hydroxymethyl)ethyl]amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile  
4-(dimethylamino)-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile  
4-(diethylamino)-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile  
4-[methyl(2-methylpropyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile

4-[(cyclopropylmethyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile  
4-[(cyclopropylmethyl)(3-hydroxypropyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile  
4-[(cyclopropylmethyl)(2-hydroxyethyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile  
N-(cyclopropylmethyl)-4-nitro-3-(trifluoromethyl)aniline  
3-[(cyclopropylmethyl)[4-nitro-3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]amino]-1-propanol  
2-[(cyclopropylmethyl)[4-nitro-3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]amino]ethanol  
4-[(cyclopropylmethyl)amino]-3-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile  
1-[4-[(cyclopropylmethyl)(propyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]ethanone  
4-[(1-cyclopropylethyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile  
4-[allyl(1-cyclopropylethyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile  
4-[(2,2-dimethylpropyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile  
4-[(2,2-dimethylpropyl)(3-hydroxypropyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile  
4-[(2,2-dimethylpropyl)(2-propen-1-yl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile  
4-[(2,2-dihydroxypropyl)(2,2-dimethylpropyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile  
4-[(2,2-dimethylpropyl)(2-oxoethyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile  
4-[(2,2-dimethylpropyl)(2-hydroxyethyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile  
4-[(2,2-dimethylpropyl)(propyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile  
4-[(1,1-dimethylethyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile  
N-(1,1-dimethylethyl)-4-nitro-3-(trifluoromethyl)aniline  
N-(cyclopropylmethyl)-N-(1,1-dimethylethyl)-4-nitro-3-(trifluoromethyl)aniline  
4-[(1,1-dimethylethyl)(2-propen-1-yl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile  
4-[(1,1-dimethylethyl)(2-oxoethyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile  
4-[(1,1-dimethylethyl)(propyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile  
4-[(3-hydroxypropyl)[(1S)-1-methylpropyl]amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile  
2-(trifluoromethyl)-4-[(3,3,3-trifluoropropyl)amino]benzonitrile  
4-[bis(2-fluoroethyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile  
4-[(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile  
4-nitro-N-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)aniline  
4-[(3-hydroxypropyl)(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile  
4-[(3-hydroxypropyl)(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amino]-3-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile  
4-bromo-N,N-bis(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)aniline  
4-[bis(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile  
4-[(2,2-difluoroethyl)(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile  
bis(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)[2-(trifluoromethyl)-4-biphenyl]amine

4-[(2-hydroxyethyl)(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile  
4-[[2-(methoxy)ethyl](2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile  
4-[[2-(ethoxy)ethyl](2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile  
4-((2,2,2-trifluoroethyl){2-[(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)oxy]ethyl}amino)-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile  
4-[methyl(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile  
4-[ethyl(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile  
4-[propyl(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile  
4-[butyl(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile  
4-[(2-methylprop-2-enyl)(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile  
4-[isobutyl(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile  
4-[(3-methylbut-2-enyl)(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile  
4-[isopentyl(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile  
4-[prop-2-ynyl(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile  
4-[(2-fluoroethyl)(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile  
4-[[2-(methylthio)ethyl](2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile  
4-[(2-azidoethyl)(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile  
N-{2-[[4-cyano-3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl](2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amino]ethyl} acetamide  
methyl 2-[[4-cyano-3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl](2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amino]ethylcarbamate  
tert-butyl 2-[[4-cyano-3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl](2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amino]ethylcarbamate  
N-{2-[[4-cyano-3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl](2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amino]ethyl}  
methanesulfonamide;  
4-(dipropylamino)phthalonitrile;  
and salts thereof.

30 – 32. (Cancelled)

33. (Previously Presented) A compound selected from the group consisting of:  
N,N-diallyl-4-nitroaniline  
N-(cyclopropylmethyl)-4-nitro-N-propylaniline  
4-(dipropylamino)benzonitrile;  
4-nitro-N,N-dipropylaniline;  
and salts thereof.

34. (Cancelled)

35. (Previously Presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to claim 1, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

36 – 42. (Cancelled)

43. (Previously Presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to claim 29, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

44. (Previously Presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to claim 33, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

45 – 46. (Cancelled)